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SUB: DEMOLITION OF 2ND SQUATTER CAMP COMPLETED

REF: CAPE TOWN 1205

SUMMARY- CONTINUING EFFORTS BY RELIGIOUS AND OTHER LEADERS IN
CAPE TOWN TO HALT DEMOLITION OF SQUATTER SHACKS HAVE PROVED
FUTILE TO DATE. DESTRUCTION OF WERKGENOT CAMP COMPLETED
AUGUST 25 UWITH DEMOLITIONS AT UNIBELL, THOUGHT TO HOUSE UP
TO 20,000 PEOPLE, LIKELY TO BEGIN AUGUST 29. END SUMMARY.

1. BANTU AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION BOARD WORKERS MOVED INTO
WERKGENOT SQUATTER CAMP AUG. 25 DEMOLISHING SOME 400-450
SHANTIES WHICH HOUSED AN ESTIMATED 3,000-3,500 PEOPLE. THIS
FOLLOWED AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY BAAB OFFICIALS THAT SQUATTERS HAD
NOT LIVED UP TO THEIR AGREEMENT TO VOLUNTARILY DISMANTLE SHACKS.
IT APPEARS THAT UNIBELLCAMP, HOUSING UP TO 20,000 PEOPLE WILL
BE SUBJECT TO DEMOLITION BEGINNING AUG.29.

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2. ACTION TAKEN DESPITE CONTINUING PROTESTS OF AT LEAST A
SEGMENT OF WHITE POPULATION, LATEST OF WHICH INCLUDED PUBLIC
APPEALS BY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND BY CAPE REGIONAL CHAIRMAN
OF INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS, ROBERT TOBIAS, WHO CALLED
"IN THE NAME OF SANITY" FOR END TO DEMOLITION. TOBIAS CHARGES
DEPUTY MINISTER OF BANTU AFFAIRS W. CRUYWAGEN
WAS "GROSSLY MISINFORMED" ON SITUATION FACING BLACK SQUATTERS

AND SAID THAT SAG ACTION "GAVE THE LIE" TO PROMISES TO MOVE
AWAY FROM DISCRIMINATION.

3. SEVEN PERSONS, INCLUDING CATHOLIC PRIEST BASIL VAN RENSBURG
AND THREE NUNS, WERE ARRESTED AUG. 25 FOR ILLEGAL PROCESSION
IN DOWNTOWN CAPE TOWN PROTESTING SAG ACTIONS WHILE DR. MARGARET
NASH, SECRETARY OF BOARD OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF ANGLICAN
CHURCH WAS ARRESTED AT WERKGENOT SAME DAY FOR TRESPASS.
ANGLICAN PRIEST DAVID RUSSELL WHO WENT TO JAIL AUG.12 RATHER
THAN ACCEPT CONDITIONAL BAIL BARRING HIM FROM SQUATTER CAMPS
UNTIL TRIAL, PAID BAIL AND WAS RELEASED AUG.24.

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